

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice LD-608

For: State and County Offices

DIPP Status Update

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Notice LD-603 informed State and County Offices:

- how pending DIPP claims would be paid for FY 2007 and FY 2008
- to continue to accept completed requests for benefits for FY 2008 through December 31, 2008, according to 3-LD
- to continue to forward all timely filed FY 2008 DIPP claims eligible for benefits to the National Office through the State Office.

The National Office is attempting to obtain additional funds for eligible FY 2007 and FY 2008 DIPP claims received.

Important: State and County Offices are authorized to accept FY 2009 DIPP claims. DIPP regulations governing FY 2009 and subsequent FY's are in Departmental clearance; therefore, until DIPP regulations are published in FR, authority to approve FY 2009 DIPP applications for payment is **not** available.

B Purpose

This notice instructs State and County Offices to:

- forward all timely filed FY 2008 DIPP claims eligible for benefits to the National Office through the State Office by **April 3, 2009**
- accept FY 2009 DIPP claims
- **not** approve FY 2009 DIPP claims until further notification is provided.

Disposal Date

September 1, 2009

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C Contacts

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2 DIPP Claims

A FY 2007 DIPP Claims

County Offices shall continue to maintain pending DIPP applications unpaid for FY 2007 in an active file, in case legislation or an appropriation authorizes additional funding to pay outstanding FY 2007 DIPP claims.

B FY 2008 DIPP Claims

Funds available for FY 2008 are insufficient to pay claims received to date. Therefore, **no** funds have been disbursed from the FY 2008 appropriation.

All FY 2008 timely filed claims eligible for benefits **must** be submitted to the National Office through the State Office by **COB April 3, 2009**. County Offices shall continue to inform producers that payments are still pending because the National Office is attempting to procure additional funding.

C FY 2009 and Subsequent FY's

County Offices are authorized to accept FY 2009 DIPP claims. Authorization is **not** provided to approve FY 2009 DIPP claims until the regulation at 7 CFR Part 760 is published in FR. A subsequent LD notice will be issued to notify and provide authorization to State and County Offices to approve and issue DIPP payments.

Beginning with FY 2009, and subsequent FY's authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, DIPP claims will be paid on a "pay as you go" basis until appropriated funds are expended.

Regulations in 7 CFR Part 760 are being amended to reflect this policy and authorize DIPP for the 2009 through 2012 FY's. The regulation is currently in Departmental clearance; therefore, policy will **not** take effect until the regulation is published in FR.